

Hanley was born at Oxford, 7th January, 1819, and on leaving school entered at Wadham College. After taking his degree he became a student-at-law of the Inner Temple, but inheriting ample means did not complete his legal studies, devoting himself instead to his favourite pursuit of Conchology. He was elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society in 1843. He died at Penzance, 5th April, 1899.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Arthur Goodwin Stubbs was elected to membership of the Society.

Dr. Arthur Willey delivered a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on the Pearly Nautilus, including an account of his voyage to the Pacific in search of its eggs.

An interesting discussion followed, in which a number of members took part.

A vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

Mr. R. H. Burne exhibited a fine series of dissections of *Nautilus*.

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FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1900.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Further notes on Helicoid Land Shells from Japan, the Loo-Choo, and Bonin Islands." By G. K. Gude, F.Z.S., etc.
2. "Notes on the genera *Callocardia* and *Vesicomya*." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.
3. "The genus *Mytilus* and its South American Species." By Dr. H. von Jhering.

Mr. S. Pace exhibited a large series of Pearls obtained in the region of Thursday Island from the pearl oyster, giant clam, and other Pelecypoda. The specimens illustrated the formation of pearls, both under natural and artificial conditions, and included perfect pearls, soft pearls, eroded pearls, and various irregular growths. The exhibitor gave an account of the occurrence of pearls, their position in the body, structure, and formation; he gave reasons for regarding them as a disease, and cited instances of the propagation of the same. An exhaustive discussion took place.

Mr. M. F. Woodward exhibited specimens of *Onchidium* from Sark and Funafuti; also the jaws and radula of a large *Turbo* from Western Australia.

Mr. Gude and Mr. Sykes placed specimens on the table in illustration of their papers.

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